

## REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 6, 2005. Claims 21-40 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

Applicants respectfully request consideration and acknowledgement of the information disclosure statement filed on November 8, 2004.

### ***Double Patenting***

Claims 21-38 and 40 stand rejected under the nonstatutory double patenting rejection. In response, Applicants submit that the terminal disclaimer filed herewith overcomes the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

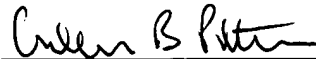
### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claim 39 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants submit that the claim is allowable since the rejection to the base claim is overcome as discussed above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim.

### ***Conclusion***

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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